of National Highway 215 in Orissa included under National Highway Development Project (NHDP) Phase III A on Build Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis. The tentative cost of Keonjhar bypass is Rs. 128 crore.

(b) and (c) The tentative length of Keonjhar bypass is 14.365 km. The detailed survey for finalization of alignment is in progress by the Consultant.

(d) The project is likely to be completed by December, 2009.

Proposals for declaring roads as NHs in Rajasthan

†957. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that proposals with regard to declaring 17 important roads of Rajasthan as National Highways are pending with Government;

(b) if so, by when these 17 important roads, proposed by Government of Rajasthan would be notified as National Highways; and

(c) the details of action taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) The Government of Rajasthan has submitted proposal for declaring 17 roads of Rajasthan as National Highways. At present, emphasis is given for development of existing National Highways instead of declaring more roads as National Highways.

Construction under NHDP-II

†958. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.